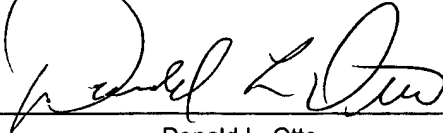


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Further and favorable consideration of the above application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims

Please rewrite allowable claims 27-29 as follows:

39. (New) A locking connector for electrically interconnecting two or more

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